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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to ensure greater transparency regarding the terms and conditions of financing provided by the People's Republic of China to member states of the international financial institutions."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 80.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to vote on Monday, March 2, 2020, as I was unavoidably detained in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 79, the Fair Debt Collection Practices for Servicemembers Act, H.R. 5003 and "yea" on rollcall No. 80, the ensuring Chinese Debt Transparency Act,

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, due to traveling with President Trump to North Carolina, congressman Budd had to miss votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 79 and "yea" on rollcall No. 80.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ALLRED. Mr. Speaker, as I was absent from the House chamber, I submit the following vote explanation. Had I been present. I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 79 and "yea" on rollcall No. 80.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. Speaker, I was absent today due to a delayed flight. Had I been present, I would have voted: "yea" on rollcall No. 79 and "yea" on rollcall No. 80.

### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 5984

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 5984.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HECK). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Carolina? There was no objection.

#### WISHING DAVID PEREZ A HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. PANETTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks)

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish a happy 100th birthday to private first-class David Perez.

In 1931, David's immigrant parents and their 14 kids moved to the Salad Bowl of the World in Salinas, California to work in agriculture and raise a family.

During World War II, David and two of his brothers were drafted to fight for our country. As a combat medic, Private Perez shipped out to the Pacific theater. Serving with the 27th Infantry Division, he fought hard, saved many lives, and even was injured by enemy fire. Private Perez received many medals for his service, including the Bronze Star for his bravery in the Battle of Saipan where he evacuated and tended to four of his wounded comrades.

After the military, David returned to Salinas, raised a family and was a member of the Elks Lodge, American Legion Post 31, and in 2019 he was chosen to be the grand marshal of the Salinas Veteran's Day parade.

For all that he has done in his long life, David will be the first to tell you, though, his proudest moments are being with his wife Lillian, his two daughters, Celia and Felicia, five grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I wish a happy 100th to David and thank him for showing our community and our country what it means to be a part of the Greatest Generation and what it takes to fulfill an American Dream. Happy birthday.

### CELEBRATING SMOKEY BEAR'S 75TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th birthday of Smokey Bear, one of American culture's most recognizable icons.

For 75 years, Smokey Bear has implored us time and time again to be mindful while spending time in the great outdoors and to promote forest health with his famous slogan, "Only you can prevent forest fires."

Smokey has taught countless individuals both young and old about the importance of personal responsibility for protecting the environment and our natural resources.

On Smokey's 75th birthday, we should also remember that the best way to prevent a forest fire is through a well-managed forest. Proper forest management is not only critical to the health and strength of the forest industry but essential for a healthy environment and economy of the rural area, as well.

I think we can all agree that Smokey looks pretty good for 75 and is working as hard as ever to promote responsible forest stewardship. Here is to 75 more years of preventing forest fires.

# CONGRESS MUST ACT QUICKLY REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, we are already paying the price for the elimination by President Trump and the Republican Congress in 2018 of both the office and the emergency funding that President Obama created to address outbreaks like the coronavirus we are now experiencing.

Starting on empty, Trump's request for \$2.8 billion in emergency funding is not even in the ballpark of what experts say is needed. Already more than 100 cases have been reported nationwide. A vaccine will probably not be available for at least a year, yet 11 States are already reporting cases of the virus.

The World Health Organization says the coronavirus can perhaps be contained, but, "the window of opportunity is narrowing." It will be up to us in this House to act quickly this week and for the Republican Senate to follow suit.

# RECOGNIZING ADVANCED INNOVATIVE IT SOLUTIONS

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Advanced, Innovative IT Solutions for its acceptance into the National Center for Veteran Institute for Procurement.

Located in Ludowici, in the First Congressional District of Georgia, Advanced, Innovative IT Solutions strives to eliminate the high cost of technology for government agencies by providing them with assistance in IT strategy planning, program management, and cybersecurity.

With its 15 years of experience, the company has earned an exceptional

reputation throughout the southeast. Now, with its acceptance into the National Center for Veteran Institute for Procurement, it is finally gaining the nationwide reputation that it deserves.

Acceptance to the institute is highly competitive, and it includes a 3-day certification program for veteranowned businesses to increase their ability to win government contracts.

Graduates from this program increase their revenue on average by 51 percent within the first year of graduation.

I am so proud Advanced, Innovative IT Solutions is participating in this program. Congratulations, and keep up the good work.

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# CALIFORNIA HIGH-COST RAIL IS A TERRIBLE IDEA

(Mr. LaMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LaMALFA. Mr. Speaker, authorizing more money for California's high-speed rail—I call it high-cost rail—is a terrible idea.

It seems that my House colleagues have quickly forgotten how much of a disaster this project has been.

This was sold to the voters in 2008 as a \$33-billion project. When we finally got the truth out of them—this is a couple of years later—it tripled to \$100 billion. Then, they went back and revised and said: Well, we will just downsize it a bit and make it about \$65 billion

It has since ballooned back to \$100 billion and more. It will probably be maybe almost double that by the time it actually gets done 30 years from now.

It has been a boondoggle since day one.

The Trump administration, thankfully, canceled just under a \$1 billion grant that could have left Congress and D.C. to go toward that project. Instead, let's put it toward something people can actually use, like our highways and our bridges, where we already have a lot of traffic that we have to deal with

Regular people can access that. They will never be able to afford a high-speed rail ticket at \$300 a head to go from San Francisco to L.A., if it actually is ever completed from San Francisco to L.A. Right now, it is just going within the central part of the State, staying between walnut orchards and hayfields.

It is really a crazy project. We shouldn't send another dollar from D.C. toward that but claw back the dollars that have already been wasted because they haven't upheld the contract to the voters who voted in this thing several years ago.

### ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH

(Mr. VAN DREW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday, I had the absolute pleasure of attending the first Legacy Recognition Award Luncheon at Abundant Life Worship Center Church with Bishop John R. Gandy.

They honored five individuals and their families whose commitment to south Jersey is undeniable: the Fann family, Pastor Loretta Farmer, Suffragan Bishop Otis Grayson, the Waiters family, and Apostle Luke Witherspoon.

Thank you for your amazing work.

I would also like to recognize Bishop John R. Gandy for his commitment and his leadership at Abundant Life. Bishop Gandy with his wife, Patricia, have impacted so many lives in south Jersey and beyond.

Abundant Life is a loving church and helps lives to be transformed through its threefold purpose to evangelize, edify, and equip the whole man, the whole person—spirit, soul, and body—to lead a joyous, abundant, and victorious Christian life.

Thank you, Bishop Gandy, your family, and those who we recognized this past week. You truly are doing God's work in our community, and may God bless you.

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. Jackson Lee (at the request of Mr. Hoyer) for today and March 3 on account of official business in district.

### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 18 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

#### BUDGETARY EFFECTS OF PAYGO LEGISLATION

Pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You Act of 2010 (PAYGO), Mr. YARMUTH hererby submits, prior to the vote on passage, for printing in the CONGRES-SIONAL RECORD, that H.R. 5003, the Fair Debt Collection Practices for servicemembers Act, as amended, would have no significant effect on the deficit, and therefore, the budgetary effects of such bill are estimated as zero.

# EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3964. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule —